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***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 2/13/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant's election of species was not fully responsive.

The response should have elected one of the species as set forth in the group of surgical device. In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2006, applicant inadvertently elected to prosecute all the species of the surgical group including Figures 1a, 1c, 1b, 1d, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 3, 6a; and 6b.


See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID J. ISABELLA whose telephone number is 571-272-4749. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CORRINE MCDERMOTT can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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